GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5054
ANSWERED ON:20.04.2001
RELIEF PACKAGE FOR PADDY FARMERS
VSM (RETD.) COL. CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned `Probe demanded into use of Funds: appearing in the Hindustan Times dated January 8, 2001;

(b) if so, facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether the Government have ordered high level probe into the utilisation of funds released by the Centre to Government of Haryana under Relief Package for paddy growing farmers of the State last year;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether investigations have been completed and report submitted to the Government;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and
(g) if not, by what time the report is likely to be submitted alongwith reasons for delay in submitting the report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per the news item, the Haryana unit of the Bharatiya Janta Party has demanded ahigh level probe into the utilization of funds released by the Centre to the State Government last year under the relief package for the paddy growing farmers of the State.

(c) Since the Government has not released any funds to the Government of Haryana underrelief package for the paddy growing farmers of the State, the question of ordering high level probe does not arise.

(d), (e), (f) & (g) : Does not arise.